

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** We continue in the season that celebrates the great victory of God in Christ. The seven weeks of Easter season prompts us to rejoice that Christ has defeated death and that we are offered life through Him. Our worship today reflects the joy in our hearts for all that this season means for us.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** we continue our celebration of the Easter Season by looking at the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 15. We will offer indoor worship and streaming at 10:00 a.m. and outdoor worship at 11:15 a.m.. Next Sunday's sermon, *Christ Is Raised, Let's Live Like We Believe It* is from 1 Corinthians 15:20-34.

**STAYING CONNECTED:** Pastor Wes continues sending out a weekly update on Tuesday and a video meditation on Thursday. Both can be accessed through email, text or the church website and Facebook pages. If you are not receiving these communications and would like to, please contact the church office ([office@hwchurch.org](mailto:office@hwchurch.org)) or 585-567-2264.

**SMZ (SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM), 9:00-9:50 A.M.** next week features Jon Keith and others and the ministry of Houghton Academy. Please contact [paulshea@hwchurch.org](mailto:paulshea@hwchurch.org) or the church office for the Zoom link. Everyone welcome.

**MISSION MOMENT** - It's a privilege to share with those in need. A raging fire swept a crowded shoreline section of Freetown, SL several weeks ago. At the invitation of World Hope Sierra Leone, our church missions committee forwarded \$2000 to help with emergency relief for 1,600 impacted households. Thank you HWC.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** - Christian brothers and sisters including our Wesleyan church folk are fleeing horrific chaos caused by radical Islamists in northern Mozambique. Our own area superintendent, Pastor Able Nove in Nampula, is providing emergency shelter and food. Hunger amongst those fleeing is a major crisis. We pray for government intervention and God's protection and comfort.

**STEWARDSHIP** Budget Needed: \$ 693,659.12 / Budget Received: \$ 692,952.45

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Karen Gaerte, Lenore Paige, Gary Heil (Janet Stegen's brother), Amy Ortiz (Luke Ogden's sister), Sarah Gurley, Grace Taylor, Wendy Ott, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Cindy Lastoria, Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Elijah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter; for all effected by the coronavirus—grieving, ill, healthcare professionals, the workforce at risk and leaders; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the Wellsville Full Gospel Church (Pastor David Williams).

## STEWARDSHIP *A Life of Generosity*

"But since you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8: 7

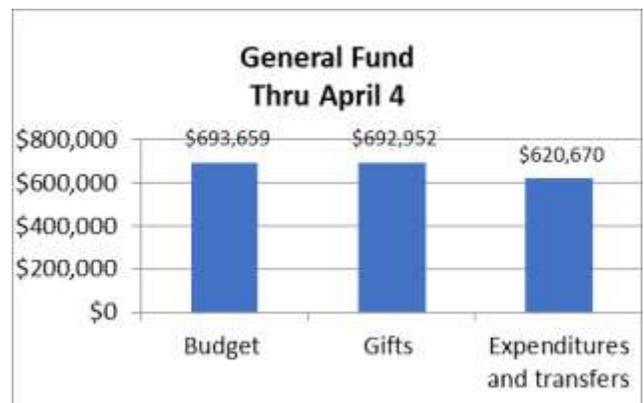
The apostle Paul is saying that just as we excel at love, fellowship, and faith, we must also excel in the grace of giving. It is an important part of our discipleship and growth as a follower of Christ. We cannot be satisfied without the grace of giving.

The Lord wants us to be preoccupied with Him and not material things. It's very tempting and sometimes even easy for us to get focused on tight budgets, losing a job or even spending on things we don't need. These are absolutely challenging times for many, but we cannot forget that God has promised that if we seek Him and His righteousness first, He will provide what we need to live. Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

As we are obedient to the Lord and live out the truth of Isaiah 26:3 which states, "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you," we are secure and confident that the Father will do what he promises. Our peace is given, present and real because the Lord is trustworthy to keep all of his promises.

As we grow in our understanding of God, there is greater acceptance of the role as a steward of what God has granted us instead of continuing to strive to be king or queen over our own little empires. As a Christian, may the Father continually remind us to see our financial decisions in terms of the spiritual ramifications and not just the temporal ones only. As we continue to grow more like Christ, may our interests increasingly focus on God's Kingdom above all else.

What has God said to you lately about giving to His work? Are you seeking first his kingdom? Remain steadfast and trust the Father. He will never disappoint.



# **Outdoor Worship Service**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 11, 2021 at 11:15am**

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration:

***Resurrecting; Christ is Risen; Forever***

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. ***All: Thanks be to God!***

Sermon: **Remember What You Believed**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***I Know Whom I Believed***

Benediction

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Scripture: Laura Habecker

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox, vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar; Simon Sardina, cajón

## **Resurrecting**

The head that once was crowned with thorns  
Is crowned with glory now  
The Savior knelt to wash our feet  
Now at his feet we bow

The one who wore our sin and shame  
Now robed in majesty  
The radiance of perfect love  
Now shines for all to see

**Your name, Your name is victory  
All praise will rise to Christ our King (Repeat)**

The fear that held us now gives way  
To him who is our peace  
His final breath upon the cross is now alive in me

### ***Chorus***

By your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat  
The resurrected King is resurrecting me  
In your name I come alive to declare your victory  
The resurrected King is resurrecting me

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain  
Was borrowed for three days  
His body there would not remain  
Our God has robbed the grave  
Our God has robbed the grave

### ***Chorus***

## **Christ Is Risen**

Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us  
Freely You've bled for us

**Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake come awake**

**Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave**

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign  
Forever let Your church proclaim

### ***Chorus***

O death where is your sting  
O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the night (Repeat)

### ***Chorus***

## **Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)**

The moon and stars they wept  
The morning sun was dead  
The Savior of the world was fallen  
His body on the cross, His blood poured out for us  
The weight of every curse upon Him  
One final breath He gave, and on that blackest day  
The Son of God was laid in darkness  
A battle in the grave, the war on death was waged  
The power of hell forever broken

**The ground began to shake  
The stone was rolled away  
His perfect love could not be overcome  
Now death where is your sting  
Our resurrected King has rendered you defeated**

***Forever He is glorified  
Forever He is lifted high  
And forever He is risen  
He is alive and He is alive***

**Pre-Chorus; *Chorus***

We sing hallelujah we sing hallelujah  
We sing hallelujah the Lamb has overcome  
(REPEAT)

### ***Chorus***

## **I Know Whom I Have Believed**

I don't know why  
God's wondrous grace  
To me He has made known  
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
Redeemed me for His own

I don't how this saving faith  
To me He did impart  
Nor how believing in His word  
Brought peace within my heart

***But I know whom I have believed  
And am persuaded  
that He is able, He is able  
To keep that which I have committed, to keep  
that which I have entrusted to Him,  
to Him against that day***

I don't know how  
the Spirit moves  
Convincing us of sin  
Revealing Jesus through the Word  
Creating faith in Him

I don't know what of good or ill  
May be in store for me  
Of weary ways or golden days  
Until His face I see

### ***Chorus***

I don't know when my Lord may come  
At night or noontide fair  
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him  
Or meet Him in the air

### ***Chorus***